

Getting the most out of your Boating Investment

How many bits of 'stuff' out there have you acquired that only get a airing every 'blue moon'. Well quite a few mate... things like the movie camera, but the doozey of them all in \$ value is often 'the boat'.

You can easily spend \$10,000 to \$75,000 or so on a boat and trailer, and so many of them collect dust in the garage or out in the backyard.

If you took your \$60,000 boat out once a month, on average, for five years this would mean each 'outing' was costing you \$1,000. Yeah mate, a bloody fortune for those miserable undersized little fish that you snuck back with !
Might be simpler to buy out the local fish shop.

So lets get down to the issue of why you are not 'out there'. Could be that you have just lost interest. However in most cases it is because you have no one to go with. Someone to help you launch and retrieve the boat.

This is why the L & R (launch & retrieve) boatlatch guys got serious about a product to solve this problem.

Basically it came down to this... a guy's wife, girlfriend, partner etc has a few problems with the "boat thing".



Firstly they really don't want to get wet, they don't like the idea of slipping over on the boat ramp and breaking their neck, they don't like the wind blowing their hair around, and definitely don't like the 'captain' yelling at them.

The boat ramp, it turns out, tends to be a common place to have a 'domestic'.... and guess what the crew isn't all that keen to go out again next week.

So then you resort to getting your best mate to come along instead. Too often he gets his pants all wet and it

takes an hour plus to dry off, sometimes getting salt water over your nice leather car upholstery ...not good news – is it ?

Anyway the solution is the L & R gadget which is a stainless steel "Snare" and a "Latch".

The snare fits onto your boat – you replace the U-bolt on the front of your fiberglass or wooden boat with this gadget. There is special version for aluminium boats that bolts onto the front.



The L & R™ Snare

The latch part normally fits underneath your winch on the trailer. This has a lever on it that you flick from one side or the other, depending on whether you want to launch or retrieve.



The L & R™ Latch

The combination of Snare and Latch on a fibreglass boat is shown below.



The lever on the Latch allows you to switch between launching and retrieving mode.

I guess seeing is believing and you can see some video of this working on their website at
www.boatlatch.com

Once you have this installed, you can go out by yourself ! if need be... or take along the little woman who now thinks boating is not such a bad thing after all – now that you have got your act sorted out.

